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Assignee: ABB Patent GmbH

For: Method And Device For Determining Leaks At The Seal Of A Valve

Docket No. PHB71676

December 29, 2003

Cleveland, Ohio 44092

NON-FEE AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 13) dated October 27, 2003 which finally rejected the above-identified application, please amend that application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is a Non-Fee Amendment under Rule 111 of the above-identified application. Additional fees for the claims are not required.

Claims Added And Canceled By This Amendment

	Number Before The Entry Of This Amendment	Number Canceled By This Amendment	Number Added By This Amendment
Total Claims	15	0	0
Independent Claims	3	0	0

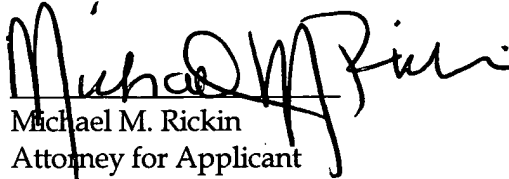
The total number of claims after entry of this Amendment is 15 and the number of independent claims is 3.

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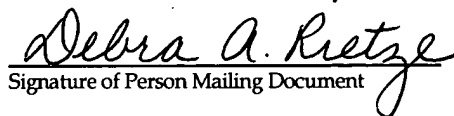
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